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SUBJECT: UNCTAD COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS: US VIEWS ON ROLE OF UNCTAD SECRETARIAT

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1. US VIEWS WERE PROVIDED AUGUST 27 TO OFFICIALS IN MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION VAN FORKOM) AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES KLINKENBERGH). INITIAL REACTION CAME ONLY FROM KLINKENBERGH WHO WAS CAUTIOUSLY FAVORABLE; BELIEVED PROPOSAL TO USE FAO COMMODIITY GROUPS HAD MERIT BUT WOULD REQUIRE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENT FOR EASTERN EUROPEAN PARTI-CIPATION; INDICATED EC COMMISSION HAS NOT YET DEVELOPED PROPOSALS ON COMMODITIES ALTHOUGH MEETINGS ON THIS SUBJECT ARE TO TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS EARLY IN SEPTEMBER; AND ADDED THAT GON MINISTRIES HAVE YET TO WORK OUT THEIR OWN AGREED POSITIONS WHICH PROBABLY WILL BE
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PARTLY TAILORED TO VIEWS OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

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MINISTER PRONK WHO FAVORS LENIET STANCE TOWARD G-77
AND UNCTAD SECRETARIAT.

2. KLINKENBERGH ATTRIBUTED GENERAL LACK OF PREPARATION
BY BOTH GON AND EC TO SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND TO DIVERSITY
OF VIEWS ON HOW BEST TO DEAL WITH UNCTAD AND
COMMODITIES. HE BELIEVES PRONK WILL PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN
INFLUENCING GON FOREIGN MINISTRY AND CABINET TO TAKE A
MORE LENIENT STANCE TOWARD UNCTAD SECRETARIAT ON
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES THAN WOULD MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS WHICH WOULD HAVE A HIGH REGARD FOR PERFORMANCE
OF FAO COMMODITY GROUPS.

3. COMMENT: WE EXPECT TO PROVIDE FURTHER REACTIONS
AS GON BEGINS TO SORT OUT DIVERSE ISSUES. HOWEVER, WE
BELIEVE THAT KLINKENBERGH, WHO WAS A LEADING WORKING
MEMBER OF GON DELEGATION AT NAIROBI, HAS PROPERLY
ASSESSED THE KEY ROLE THAT PRONK WILL PLAY.
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